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SUBJ: WHO: ARABIC AS A WORKING LANGUAGE

1. DELEGATION OF ARAB COUNTRIES HAVE INTRODUCED RESOLUTION WHICH: QTE DECIDES TO INCLUDE ARABIC LANGUAGE AMONG THE WORKING LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, SO AS TO BE USED IN THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY, THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, THE MAIN AND SUB COMMITTEES, AND TO BE USED FOR CORRESPONDENCE WITH ARAB COUNTRIES AS A REGULAR PROCEDURE; AND TO AMEND ACCORDINGLY THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE. END QTE.

2. ACCOMPANYING MEMO STATES THAT ARAB STATES WILL PAY COSTS FOR FIRST THREE YEARS BEGINNING IN 1976.

3. A MEMO FROM PRC DEL REQUESTS WHO FOLLOW EXAMPLE OF UNGA, UNESCO AND EAO AND MAKE CHINESE A WORKING LANGUAGE. ACCOMPANYING DRAFT RESOLUTION REQUEST DG TO MAKE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE PROGRESSIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF CHINESE AS A WORKING LANGUAGE OF THE WHA AND THE EXBD, THE STUDY TO BE EXAMINED BY EXBD AT ITS 57TH SESSION (JAN. 76).

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4. SECRETARIAT PAPER ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF

BOTH OF THESE REQUESTS STATES THAT AT 1975 PRICES  
FULL IMPLEMENTATIONS IS LIKELY TO BE IN THE ORDER OF  
US \$2,500,000 PER EACH LANGUAGE. HOWEVER, AS IMPLEMENTATION  
WOULD HAVE TO BE PROGRESSIVE, THE COST WOULD  
BE LESS DURING THE EARLY STAGES. COMPLETE  
IMPLEMENATATION MIGHT TAKE SEVERAL YEARS. PAPER GOES  
ON TO CITE SEVERAL PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS, E.G.,  
60 ADDITIONAL OFFICE MODULES WOULD BE REQUIRED PER  
LANGUAGE WHICH ARE NOT AVAILABLE WITHIN EXISTING  
FACILITIES. ALSO STRUCTURAL REARRANGEMENTS MIGHT  
HVE TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN SOME CONFERENCE ROOMS AS  
WELL AS REWIRING AND PURCHASE OF SOULD EQUIPMENT OF  
GREATER CAPACITY.

5. DELEGATIONS WILL WORK TO HAVE ARABIC LANGUAGE  
INTRODUCTION REFERRED TO EXBD AS PRC REQUESTING  
FOR CHINESE. WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT ARABS WILL AGREE  
TO SUCH A DELAY. DEPT'S VIEWS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. DALE

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